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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been fimely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 9th, 2003 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4, 6-24 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
- 4. Claims 1-4 and 6-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Silverbrook (U.S. PG Pub 2003/0112419).

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5. Regarding claim 1, Silverbrook teaches a method for protecting a device against operating with an unallowable tangible consumable product (a method or preventing the used of cloned version of high volumes consumables) (see paragraph 2074 on page 95) comprising storing (at the data storage integrity) plurality of reference code words (consumables state data, such as serial number) at a data center, generating (reading) a code word (serial number) having a predetermine relationship to at least on of the reference code words, electronically allocating the generated code word to an electronic representation of a tangible consumable product and storing the electronic allocation at the data center (see paragraphs 2087-2095), aggregating each physical authentic tangible replacement consumable product, corresponding to the electronically represented tangible consumable product with the generated code word by generating an identification number embodying the generated code word an aggregating the identification number with each physical authentic tangible replacement consumable product at a manufacturer (see paragraphs 2087-2106), a device located remote from the data center, detecting an operation to replace a tangible consumable product in the device with a proposed tangible replacement consumable product having an identification number aggregated therewith (see paragraphs 2087-2095), upon the detection of the operation, automatically establishing a communication link between the device and the data center and communicating the identification number aggregated with the proposed, tangible replacement consumable product to the data center from the device via the link, at the data center, checking authenticity of the proposed tangible replacement consumable product by determining whether the code word embodied in the identification number aggregated with the proposed tangible replacement consumable and

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transmitted via the link has the predetermined relationship with the at least one reference code word stored at the data center and if so, authorizing the proposed tangible replacement product and via the link informing the device from the data center whether the proposed tangible replacement is authorized (see paragraphs 2107-2114, 2174-2182).

- 6. Regarding claims 2 and 3, Silverbrook teaches a method of designating/applying the identification number embodying the generated code word on a carrier and permanently affixing the carrier to each authentic, tangible replacement consumable (see paragraphs 2087-2095).
- 7. Regarding claim 4, Silverbrook teaches a method of selecting a technique for aggregating each authentic tangible replacement consumable product with the identification number embodying the generated code word dependent on a physical nature of the authentic tangible replacement consumable (see paragraphs 2087-2095).
- 8. Regarding claims 6-24, they disclose the same inventive concept as claims 1-4. Therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Firmin Backer whose telephone number is (703) 305-0624. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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